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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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1. EMBOFFS MADE INITIAL COURTSEY CALL SEPT. 22 ON FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INT'L ORGANIZATIONS (LOPEZ SCHUMMER) AND LEFT WITH HIM TALKING-POINTS PAPER DRAWN FROM REFEELS.

2. LOPEZ SCHUMMER NOTED PRESS REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREA HAD WITHDRAWN ITS RESOLUTION AND THAT SOUTH KOREA WAS EXPECTED TO DO THE SAME. WE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED STATE 234389 AND COMMUNICATED ITS SUBSTANCE TO LOPEZ SCHUMMER.

3. ASKED ABOUT ISSUES OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST TO GOS, LOPEZ SCHUMMER SPOKE ON INCREASE OF SPANISH QUOTA, NOTING THAT INCREASE HAD BEEN BASED ON FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS, WHEN SPANISH ECONOMY DOING WELL, BUT THAT BURDEN WOULD FALL AT ECONOMICALLY DIFFICULT TIME. HE ADDED THAT PROBLEM COMPLICATED BY RECENT STORY BY SPANISH CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK TO EFFECT THAT HIGH SPANISH QUOTA CONTRASTS WITH LOW NUMBER OF SPANIARDS IN SECRETARIAT. HE SAID SPAIN WOULD BE SEEKING QUOTA REDUCTION IN 5TH COMMITTEE, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND WHEN ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR GREATER SPANISH

ACTIVITY IN THAT COMMITTEE, HE INDICATED THAT QUOTA ISSUE WOULD BE FIRST PRIORITY BUT THAT SPAIN WOULD BE INTERESTED ALSO IN EFFORTS OF UN BUDGET TIGHTENING.

4. IN GENERAL, HE SAID, GA AGENDA APPEARED TO OFFER NOTHING NEW OR SUPRISING; SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUE WOULD OF COURSE DEPEND GREATLY ON RESULTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS. FOR ITS PART, GOS CONSIDERED THAT HAVING ABSOLVED ITSELF OF RESPONSIBILITIES AS COLONIAL POWER, IT WOULD NOW HAVE GREATER TIME AND ENERGY FOR ACTIVITY IN OTHER AREAS. LOPEZ SCHUMMER MENTIONED FIRST COMMITTEE AS INTENDED TARGET OF INCREASED SPANISH ACTIVISM, AND ADDED THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOS ALSO TAKE MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN SECOND COMMITTEE.

5. HE ALSO SAID THAT CHANGES IN SPAIN WOULD BE REFLECTED IN GOS APPROACH TO UNGA, GOING ON TO NOTE THAT SPANISH DELEGATION WOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE PARLIAMENTARY OBSERVERS (INTER ALIA FUEYO ALVAREZ, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORTES FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND A CORTES MEMBER FROM THE CANARY ISLANDS, PLUS THE NOTED HISTORIAN AND NOW "EL PAIS" POLITICAL COMMENTATOR RICARDO DE LA CIERVA.)

6. FINALLY, LOPEZ SCHUMMER MADE POINT OF DECLARING SPAIN'S WELCOMING OF GERMAN INITIATIVE ON TERRORISM. SPAIN WOULD SUPPORT IT, HE SAID, AND FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA WOULD SPECIFY THAT SUPPORT IN HIS SPEECH AT GA. STABLER

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